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SUBJECT: GOP RAIDS CAMPUS AND CLOSES NATIONAL EDUCATION  
UNIVERSITY FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

1. THE TENSE TRUCE BETWEEN THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND PERU'S MILITANT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WAS BROKEN EARLY SUNDAY MORNING WHEN UNITS OF THE GUARDIA CIVIL (UNIFORMED POLICE) AND PIP (PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIONS POLICE) SEIZED THE CAMPUS OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION UNIVERSITY ENRIQUE GUZMAN Y VALLE, KNOWN FAMILIARLY AS LA CANTUTA, AND TOOK MORE THAN 600 STUDENTS INTO CUSTODY. IN THE PRE-DAWN RAID ON THE LA CANTUTA CAMPUS IN THE FOOTHILL LIMA SUBURB OF CHSICA, 418 MALE AND 233 FEMALE STUDENTS WERE SEIZED BY POLICE AND TRANSFERRED TO A MILITARY SCHOOL IN CHORRILLOS WHERE THEY ARE APPARENTLY STILL BEING HELD. GOVERNMENT PHYSICIANS OBSERVED THE POLICE ROUND-UP AND CLAIMED NO ONE WAS MISTREATED.

2. ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL INTERIOR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE, LA CANTUTA, PERU'S LARGEST TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTION, "HAS BECOME A CENTER OF MARXIST-LENINIST INDOCTRINATION TO THE EXTENT THAT THE STUDENT BODY IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF EXTREME LEFTIST GROUPS, PRINCIPALLY THOSE OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST TENDENCY (KNOWN AS) PATRIA ROJA". THE COMMUNIQUE CITES TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS WHEN THE RECTOR OF LA CANTUTA WAS TAKEN  
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HOSTAGE BY STUDENTS AS PROOF THAT AUTHORITY AT THE UNIVERSITY HAS ERODED TO THE POINT THAT GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION WAS NECESSARY. AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED THAT SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA AND ARMS, INCLUDING DYNAMITE AND "MOLOTOV COCKTAILS" WERE TAKEN DURING THE RAID.

3. A RESOLUTION PUBLISHED ON FEBRUARY 19 BY THE NATIONAL PERUVIAN

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL (CONUP), THE SUPREME AUTHORITY FOR ALL OF PERU'S CENTERS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, DESCRIBES THE "CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE" AND TOTAL BREAKDOWN OF THE PRINCIPLE OF AUTHORITY AT LA CANTUTA IN GREATER DETAIL AND DISMISSES ALL OF THE UNIVERSITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC PERSONNEL. THE RESOLUTION CREATES AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION TO MANAGE THE PHYSICAL ASSETS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND TO EVALUATE PROGRAMS AS WELL AS PERSONNEL MATTERS. THE COMMISSION IS ALSO AUTHORIZED TO INVESTIGATE THE RECENT VIOLENCE AND IMPOSE "SEVERE SANCTIONS" ON THOSE RESPONSIBLE.

3. COMMENT: THE SITUATION AT LA CANTUTA, AS DESCRIBED BY OFFICIAL GOP COMMUNIQUE, IS NOT MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT WHICH HAS PREVAILED THERE IN THE PAST. THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN IN A STATE OF AGITATION FOR YEARS AND HAS PRODUCED RADICALIZED TEACHERS AND OTHERS INCLUDING TOP COMMUNIST TRADE UNION OFFICIALS. TWO STUDENTS WERE KILLED IN A VIOLENT ENCOUNTER SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. WHAT HAS CHANGED IS THE GOP AND PARTICULARLY THE EDUCATION MINISTRY ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UNIVERSITIES. THE GOVERNMENT IS NO LONGER WILLING TO TOLERATE CHAOTIC FAR-LEFT STUDENT AND TEACHER ACTIVITIES. THE NATIONAL ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY WAS RAIDED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. NOW THE GOP HAS ACTED TO IMPOSE SOME AUTHORITY AT LA CANTUTA. THE LESSON UNDOUBTEDLY WILL NOT BE LOST ON OTHER SCHOOLS, WHERE A LOW-GRADE FEVER OF DISCONTENT IS EVER PRESENT. DEAN

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